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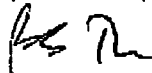
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE  
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 21, 2004 for three(3) months(from October 21, 2004 to January 21, 2005. An Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

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